

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 20 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment Claims 8, 13-15, 17 and 22-27 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and similar claims in a continuation application to be filed in the future.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectively urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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